

mentorship of student and faculty researchers at HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs. Second, it will make sure federal agencies provide technical assistance to HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs on how to grow their capacity to manage grants from application to completion.

As the representative of the congressional district with the greatest number of HBCUs, I know investing in HBCUs supports Black excellence. My amendment will support critical educational institutions and their students, advance innovation, and grow our economy. I urge my colleagues to support its passage.

BIOECONOMY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak on amendment number 150 sponsored by Representative MIKE LEVIN.

This amendment is modeled off the Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act (PLREDA) which promotes wind, solar, and geothermal resources on public lands.

You might ask me why I am speaking on a Democrat amendment, or why I seem to know so much about this amendment.

It's strange because this amendment looks familiar to me. I wonder why that is?

Oh that's right, that's because PLREDA is my bill, one which I have sponsored since the 112th Congress.

When I introduced PLREDA in the previous Congresses, I solicited original cosponsors in a bipartisan manner.

Mr. LEVIN was one such original cosponsor.

After the 2020 election, we used Mr. LEVIN as the lead, yet with this current legislation I was prohibited from being part of its annual original sponsors.

But that's fine, I am more interested in passing good governance for the American people than demanding the credit.

I have done this in the past when we reformed the antitrust exemptions in the McCarran-Ferguson Act for the medical insurance industry and brought knowledge to the erroneous administrative exclusion in the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act jeopardizing constituents in Mohave County, Arizona and Clark County, Nevada.

If this were a stand-alone provision, it would earn my support because we need to pass the remainder of PLREDA, the rest which I was unable to get passed in previous Congresses.

However, used as an amendment to a very disingenuous bill, I cannot support it. Not because of the theft of my bill but the poor process used today in this bad bill.

I've always said good process builds good policy which makes good politics.

The amendments being considered inside en bloc packages is a tactic of the current majority which would make the founders roll in their graves.

This is not a counter China bill. This bill promotes a role for the government in the economy which is un-American and deals more in abstract social and climate policies than anything else.

It is not good process. Everyone on the other side has not read the full bill, just like

they have not taken the time to make themselves fully aware of anything they have passed so far, regardless if it's a bill, amendment, or resolution.

The American people should be concerned about how this bill actually makes us weaker in the face of China, and no matter how many of my good policy ideas you add to it in the form of an amendment, you cannot change its rotten core.

CASEL'S MARKETPLACE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this month, I had the pleasure of visiting Casel's Marketplace, a family-owned market in Margate, South Jersey. Since opening its doors as a small grocery store in Atlantic City in 1929, Casel's has brought the finest quality ingredients to the South Jersey community. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Sieden family owning Casel's Marketplace. Throughout the years, Casel's has continued to turn new visitors into life-long customers. They are known for their signature meats, smoked fish department, grab-and-go salads, extensive cheese selection, and fresh produce section. Casel's Marketplace is always doing everything necessary to give their customers' the best shopping experience. God Bless the Sieden Family and Casel's Marketplace and God Bless America.

HONORING ANNE BACON AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Anne Bacon, Chief Executive Officer of IMPACT Community Action Partnership.

Anne Bacon and her team at IMPACT have been essential in helping Iowans keep a roof over their heads throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and supporting Iowans in need. So much of what we do here in Congress relies on the work of public servants and communities to implement, and their work has been especially critical over the last two years. IMPACT has been serving Iowans for years, but they took on new challenges during the pandemic.

Recognizing the importance of keeping Iowans housed during the pandemic, IMPACT helped more than 1,000 families with direct housing assistance during 2020, using funding from the CARES Act. This year, working with Polk County and Des Moines, Anne's team has kept more than 6,500 households from facing eviction and homelessness, committing more than \$35 million from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program Congress passed in the last year. That includes families with nearly 7,000 children who were able to keep the homes they knew thanks to the efforts of Anne and IMPACT. Their work also received

praise from the Treasury Department as a high-performing program for making their program easy to use and working directly to help renters facing eviction.

Anne grew up in Toledo, Iowa, and after living in California for four years moved back to Iowa to commit her life to making sure that our social safety net would work for people going through tough times. That goal—making sure people could access services and leave feeling better than when they started—has driven her in getting her degree in Social Work from the University of Iowa and a Masters in Public Administration from Drake University, and continues to drive her work to reduce the barriers that people in poverty face. Anne's work at IMPACT includes both direct service to Iowans and looking at the systemic issues that create this kind of need in the US, and focuses on making sure that programs to help people need to recognize that the people they're helping are their most important stakeholders.

Anne now lives in Ankeny and is happily married with three adult children and one grandson.

Anne's dedication to helping others sets an example all of us can look to, and the work of Iowans like her is critical to making sure the work we do here in Congress reaches our constituents. My work on the Financial Services Committee to secure rental assistance to help Iowans recover from the impacts of the pandemic relies on dedicated public servants like Anne. I'm forever grateful for her work during this difficult time, and I will continue to work in Congress, as I did at the State of Iowa, to make sure that government truly works for the people. It is my privilege to recognize Anne Bacon as Iowan of the Week.

RECOGNIZING THE 34TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUMGAIT POGROMS

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to condemn the violence inflicted upon Armenians on the 34th anniversary of the Sumgait Pogroms in Azerbaijan. I believe that condemning these actions today will help prevent renewed aggression against citizens of Armenian descent who continue to live in Azerbaijan, while bringing attention to efforts to erase these atrocities from our collective memory. Further, I reaffirm our nation's commitment to an enduring, peaceful, and democratic resolution of the Artsakh conflict.

From 1988 to 1990, the Armenian population in Soviet Azerbaijan was the target of ethnically targeted pogroms in the cities of Sumgait, Kirovabad, and Baku. Beginning on February 27, 1988 in Sumgait, Armenian Christians were indiscriminately murdered, raped, and maimed by mobs of criminals and thugs. According to independent reporting, police in Baku allowed the pogroms to continue for 3 days, during which time Armenians were burned alive and thrown from windows.

Despite vocal U.S. and international protests over the Sumgait Pogroms, renewed anti-Armenian pogroms were launched in Kirovabad on November 21, 1988 that lasted for seven days. Fourteen months later in the capital,

Baku, another pogrom was launched against its Armenian minority. These vicious attacks killed hundreds of unarmed civilians and displaced tens of thousands of Armenians fleeing systematic violence as refugees.

These pogroms set the stage for decades of aggression by Azerbaijan. In September 2020, Azerbaijan bombed the Republic of Artsakh with Turkish support, targeting Armenian schools and religious sites, and killing innocent civilians. Over a year later, Azerbaijan still illegally holds and tortures Armenian prisoners of war (POWs) from 2020, despite signing a joint statement requiring all captives to be released.

Madam Speaker, on this 34th anniversary of the Sumgait Pogroms, I want to emphasize the importance of remembering these crimes against humanity. I call on the Azerbaijani government to acknowledge that these atrocities occurred, and that it seeks justice for the victims by prosecuting those who committed these horrific acts of violence. I also call upon the government of Azerbaijan to take all appropriate action to prevent further tragedies of this nature, and to respect the rights of all minorities living within its borders. I condemn Azerbaijan's ongoing aggression against Armenia, and call on the Azerbaijani government to immediately and unconditionally release all Armenian POWs and captive civilians.

RECOGNIZING FRANCIS
MALDONADO-VÁZQUEZ

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Francis Maldonado-Vázquez for his tremendous efforts in achieving the Eagle Scout rank, the most prestigious award of the Boy Scouts of America.

Throughout his trail to Eagle, Francis has demonstrated he abides by the Scout Oath and Law and exemplifies the finest qualities of leadership and citizenship the Boy Scouts of America strives to teach. As a member of Troop 377 Francis enjoys visiting Camp Guajataka, camping, and learning of the outdoors.

Francis' love for animals and insects was exemplified by the impressive community service project he led in lake La Plata in Toa Baja. Francis and his team renovated the pollination garden at the wildlife refuge by installing several beehive boxes, and signs showcasing educational material about pollinator species most common in the area.

Francis is part of the special needs program of the Boy Scouts of America, and his story is an extraordinary example for youth with special needs around the Nation.

I'm honored to celebrate Francis' great accomplishment, recognizing the outstanding efforts of his work.

MATTHEW OSTERGAARD

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Nation and the citizens of the

Texas—24, the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Matthew Ostergaard, Major, United States Army, of Lewisville, Texas, for his honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued dedication to his community.

Mr. Ostergaard enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1992, eventually becoming a commissioned officer in the infantry, retiring in 2017. During his years in the Army, he served in Operation Joint Guard in Bosnia and in Operation New Dawn in Iraq. His decorations include the Iraq Campaign Medal with two campaign stars to denote serving in different phases of the Iraq War, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of second award, the Army Commendation Medal with one silver and two bronze Oak Leaf Clusters in lieu of 7 subsequent awards, the Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters to denote 3 subsequent awards, the Army Good Conduct Medal with bronze clasps to denote 3 subsequent awards, as well as the NATO Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, and Ranger Tab, Pathfinder Badge, and Parachutist Badge.

After retiring from the Army, Mr. Ostergaard has brought the same love he had for his country and poured it into making his community a better place. He is active within his church, serving in its hospitality ministry, as an assistant leader with the local Cub Scout pack, and volunteers with several veteran organizations in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Mr. Ostergaard's career is marked with heroism and is consistent with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

ROSALIE GRENON

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Rosalie Grenon of Sutton, Massachusetts, a loving mother, grandmother, and friend to many.

Born in Worcester, Massachusetts, Rosalie spent her entire life in Central Massachusetts, growing up and raising her family in Millbury and Sutton, respectively. She married her high school sweetheart, David Grenon, and they built a beautiful family and life together. Driven by their belief in the importance of education, Rosalie and David have a long history of supporting the business studies program at Assumption University in Worcester, MA.

Rosalie was actively involved in her community, and a true patron of the arts. She served on the Advisory Board of the Joy of Music in Worcester, the Scholarship Committee for the Greater Worcester Community Foundation, and the Advisory Board for the Performing Arts School of Worcester.

A graduate of Anna Maria College in Paxton, Massachusetts, Rosalie received a degree in music from the college in 1960. She was a talented opera singer and had a particular adoration for classical music. A skilled artist, she found joy in photography, painting, and drawing. She often used her talents to

contribute to her church and events in our community.

Rosalie loved the many roles she held in her life, but she cherished being a grandmother and great-grandmother the most. She had magical connections with the children in her life, and she often spent her time playing with them and rocking them to sleep with ease.

Rosalie was a vibrant woman who put an abundance of love out into the world. She will be remembered for her artistic eye, her dedication to her family, and her love of Barry Manilow's music. Her kindness and passion extended beyond herself and touched the people who loved her in unforgettable ways.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress and Rosalie's loved ones, it is my great privilege and honor to celebrate and recognize the beautiful life of the late Rosalie Grenon.

JACK ROSCOE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of presenting Jack Roscoe with his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Jack has been a scout for eight years and is a member of Egg Harbor Township Scout Troop 94. For his Eagle Scout project, he built three garden beds for the Greater Egg Harbor Township Historical Society. The garden beds will be used for families who cannot afford to have their own gardens but wish to grow their own vegetables. In addition to this project, he has also volunteered 120 hours of community service, including the ALS walk, Salvation Army, and Dog Park and Beach Clean Up. Jack, with the help of his brother Scott, helped organize and sell flood-relief buckets to aid the victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas. Jack should be proud of his accomplishments and I look forward to seeing him succeed in his future endeavors. God Bless Jack and God Bless America.

ALEXANDER SAGCAL

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Nation and the citizens of the Texas—24, the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Alexander Sagcal, Lieutenant Junior Grade, United States Navy, of Carrollton, Texas for his honorable service he performed in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued dedication to his community.

Mr. Sagcal was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy in 1986, serving until 1990. During his years in the Navy, he served aboard the USS *Sumter* as a main propulsion assistant officer, an auxiliary officer, an electronic material officer, and the ship's assistant 1st Lieutenant.

After leaving the Navy, Mr. Sagcal has brought the same love he had for his country